(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 5-12-90 from the All India Central Ground Water Board Employees Association, Varanasi, opposing the implementation of Multi Disciplinary Committee Report;

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum;

(c) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the recommendations of the Multi Disciplinary Committee would adversely affect the seniority and promotional prospects of ministerial staff of Central Ground Water Board;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the recommendations would undermine the collection of exploratory ground water data which is vital for construction of tubewells needed for country's agricultural development, and

(e) whether Government are reviewing the recommendations of the Multi Disciplinary Committee?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) A copy of the Memorandum dated 5-12-90 from All India Central Ground Water Board Employees Association, Varanasi, opposing the implementation of High Level Multi Disciplinary Committee Report has been received alongwith the letter dated 12-12-90 from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament addressed to the Union Minister of Water Resources & Surface Transport.

(b) The Secretary-General, Central Executive Committee, All India Central Ground Water Board Employees' Association, Faridabad, has requested not to entertain any letters received in the name of Branch Executive Committee, Varanasi, as the said Branch Executive Committee has been dissolved with effect from 6-12-90. Hence, no cognizance is being taken of the memorandum of the AICGWBEA, Varanasi.

(c) to (e) The report of the Multi-disciplinary Committee is still under examination.

Ground Water Level in Tamil Nadu

665 SHRI R. T. GOPALAN. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that ground water level is going down in some parts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme so that the ground water level can be quickly retrieved in those areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount given to Tamil Nadu during 1989-90 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Government has not formulated any scheme for ground water retrieval in Tamil Nadu. The State Government has, however, been advised to take up Artificial Recharge Scheme within their plan.

Wild Life sanctuaries in the country

666. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) the number of wild life sanctuaries in the country at present, Statewise,

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for development of wild life sanctuaries during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, and

(c) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) The number of wildlife sanctuaries, Statewise is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) (i) Suitable areas are declared as sanctuaries by the State Governments under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act. The Government of India assists the State Governments in the management and development of the sanctuaries under the Centrally sponsored Scheme through provisions of funds, training facilities, technical advice etc. Such assistance to the State Government is proposed to be continued during the VIII Five Year Plan.

(ii) Assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes is not allocated State-wise for the entire Plan period. The State Governments are provided assistance on an annual basis keeping in view their requests for such assistance and the availability of funds.

Statement

Wildlife sanctuaries in the country

Sl No	Name of State/Union Territory	No of Wildlife sanctuaries
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	94
2	Andhra Pradesh	18
3	Arunachal Pradesh.	4
4	Assam	9
5	Bihar	17
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Daman & Diu	1
8	Delhi	1
9	Goa	4
10	Gujarat	15
11	Haryana	6
12	Himachal Pradesh	29
13	Jammu & Kashmir	15
14	Karnataka	19
15	Kerala	12
16	Madhya Pradesh	32
17	Maharashtra	24
18	Manipur	1

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No of Wildlife Sanctuaries
19	Meghalaya	3
20	Mizoram	2
21	Nagaland	4
22	Orissa	16
23	Punjab	5
24	Rajasthan	23
25	Sikkim	4
26	Tamil Nadu	10
27	Tripura	4
28	Uttar Pradesh	22
29	West Bengal	16
	TOTAL	411

Indian brought back from the Gulf countries

667. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians brought back by air/ship from the Gulf countries, Gulf country-wise;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on their repatriation, air-wise and ship-wise; and

(c) what further facilities were given to them on reaching here?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) The approximate numbers evacuated up to December are as follows:—

Iraq Kuwait	1,47,923
Saudi Arabia	1,735
Qatar	2
UAE	24
Turkey	299
Iran	17

(b) Approximate expenditure on:—

Repatriation by air	Rs 262 crores
Repatriation by sea	Rs 11 crores
Other expenditure	Rs. 27 crores
Total	Rs. 300 crores